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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, JA, US

SUBJECT: LOCKHEED: POSSIBILITY OF SPECIAL ENVOY

REF: STATE 78670

1. FONOFF AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRGEN YAMAZAKI CONTACTED DCM APRIL 17 TO INFORM HIM THAT, IN CONNECTION WITH NEGOTIATIONS OPENED EARLIER SAME DAY BY LOWER HOUSE SPEAKER MAEO AND UPPER HOUSE PRESIDENT KONO WITH HEADS OF OPPOSITION PARTIES IN EFFORT TO QTE NORMALIZE UNQTE DIET, QUESTION OF SENDING SPECIAL ENVOY TO US IN REGARD LOCKHEED AFFAIR IS ONE OF SUBJECTS BEING DISCUSSED. YAMAZAKI SAID THAT IT NOT YET CERTAIN THAT DECISION WILL BE TAKEN TO SEND SUCH ENVOY OR WHAT WOULD BE ENVOY'S MISSION IF SENT. HE STATED, HOWEVER, THAT PRIME MINISTER HAD WISHED FOREIGN OFFICE TO INFORM EMBASSY THAT THIS MATTER NOW BEING SERIOUSLY DISCUSSED IN NORMALIZATION NEGOTIATIONS.

2. AMBASSADOR CONVEYED DEPALEMENT'S VIEWS ON THIS MATTER AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL TO FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA ON APRIL 2 AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO VICE FOREIGN MINISTER SATO. IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM, YAMAZAKI INDICATED THAT IN LIGHT OF THESE VIEWS WHICH FOREIGN OFFICE SHARES, FOREIGN OFFICE HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO DISCOURAGE SPECIAL ENVOY NOTION. THUS FAR, HOWEVER, THESE EFFORTS EVIDENTLY HAVE MET WITH LITTLE SUCCESS.

3. COMMENT: IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT AT LEAST JSP, JCP AND KOMEITO ARE CONTINUING TO INSIST THAT GOVERNMENT SEND SPECIAL  
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ENVOY TO WASHINGTON AS PART OF THEIR PRICE FOR ENDING BOYCOTT

OF DIET. MAEO AND KONO PROBABLY ARE PREPARED TO MAKE SOME  
COMPROMISE ON THIS POINT AND MAY WELL HAVE THE SUPPORT OF OTHER  
PARTY LEADERS. FOR EXAMPLE, ACCORDING TO PRESS APRIL 17, CHIEF  
CABINET SECRETARY IDE REPORTEDLY STATED ON APRIL 16 IN VIDEO-  
TAPED INTERVIEW TO BE BROADCAST APRIL 18 THAT HE HOPED GOVERN-  
MENT WOULD BE PREPARED TO SEND SPECIAL ENVOY IF IT WOULD HELP  
END OPPOSITION BOYCOTT OF DIET. IDE REPORTEDLY STATED MISSION  
WOULD NOT BE TO REVISE TERMS OF AGREEMENT REACHED ON TRANSFER  
OF LOCKHEED MATERIALS AND SUGGESTED MISSION MIGHT BE TO MAINTAIN  
CLOSER LIAISON WITH USG DURING COURSE OF INVESTIGATION.  
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